



NOAA's Climate Database Modernization Program- Data Rescue Activities



Program Manager- Tom Ross- ECIP Federation Talk



Climate Data Base Modernization

Outcomes & Benefits to the Nation



Outcomes

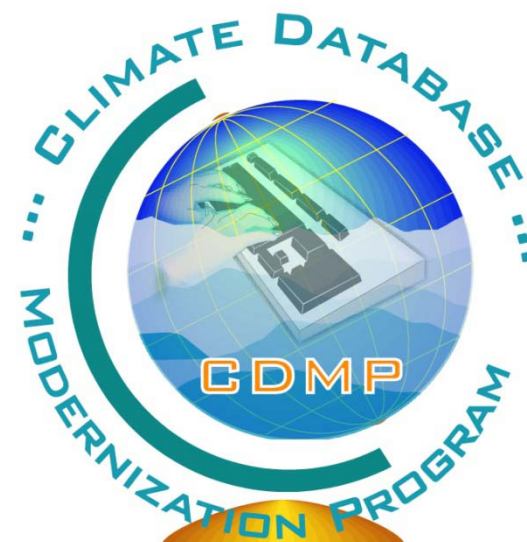
- **Improved access and digital conversion** of data stored on aging paper, film & obsolete digital media
- **Provides partnerships and jobs** through private sector companies in 4 states- 300 + jobs

Benefits to the Nation

Human Dimension: Reduced loss of life & impacts due to environmental events

Business Dimension: Enhanced opportunities and socio-economic gains by considering climate information in decisions

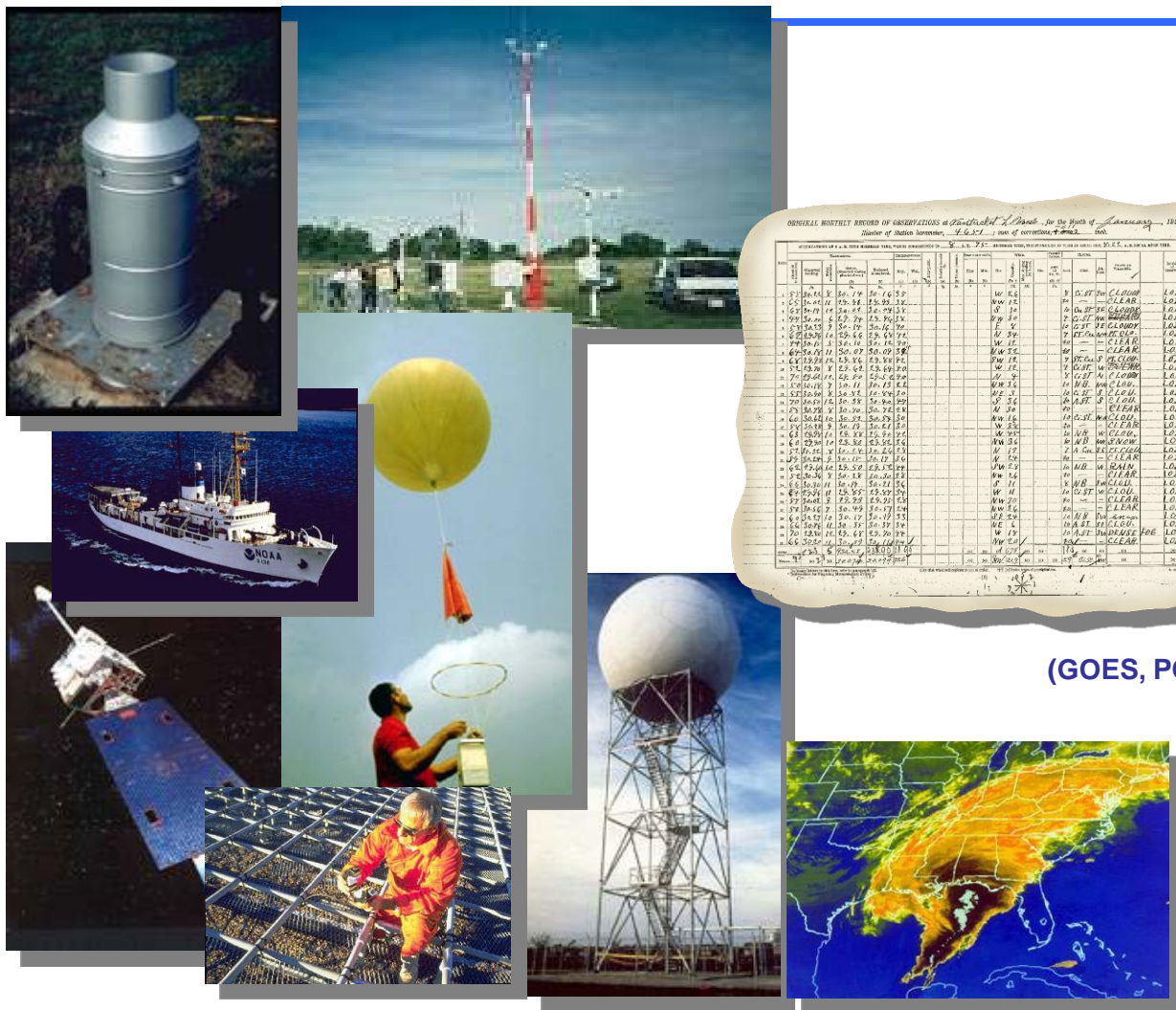
Policy Dimension: More effective government policy by appropriately using climate information in decisions



Utilizing a National Resource

Tenth anniversary of the program (began 2000)

Data Received From Many Sources



Forecast Warning Analysis

NWS Coop Observers

Global Synoptic Reports

NCEP Charts

Ship, Buoy Reports

Rocketsonde

Radiosonde

Storm Data

Doppler Radar

(GOES, POES, NPOESS, many other) Satellites

Aircraft

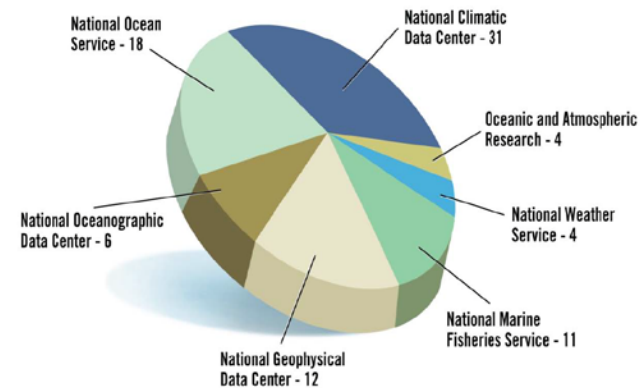
Profiler

ASOS

USCRN

Over 11 terabytes of climate data now digitized

- ▶ 53 million weather and environmental images online
- ▶ Hundreds of millions of records digitized now online
- ▶ International data access and rescue activities
- ▶ 86 current NOAA climate/environmental rescue projects



Meteorological Journal													
Observatory Washington City July 1 st 1842.													
Time	Barom.	Atmos.	Sun.	Rad.	Shade	Rel. Hum.	Dew point	Weather	Partial Clouds	Wind	Force	Force	Force
0 ^h 5'	30.060	50	"	"	77	70	"	Clear	0	0	0	0	0
1 ^h 5'	30.060	51	"	"	77	72	"	"	0	0	0	0	0
2 ^h 5'	30.060	51	"	"	77	72	"	"	0	0	0	0	0
3 ^h 5'	30.060	50	"	"	75	70	"	"	0	0	0	0	0
4 ^h 5'	30.120	77	5.2	70	77	75	"	"	0	0	0	0	0
5 ^h 5'	30.120	77	70	100	55	80	"	"	0	0	0	0	0
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*Imaged Records Example:
Glacial Pairs – Muir Glacier, Alaska*



*July 1st, 1842 hourly weather data
from Washington, DC, imaged and
digitized through the CDMP Program*

Keying and Imaging the data increases data accessibility and data integration- Work must be done by CDMP contractors in KY, MD, WV



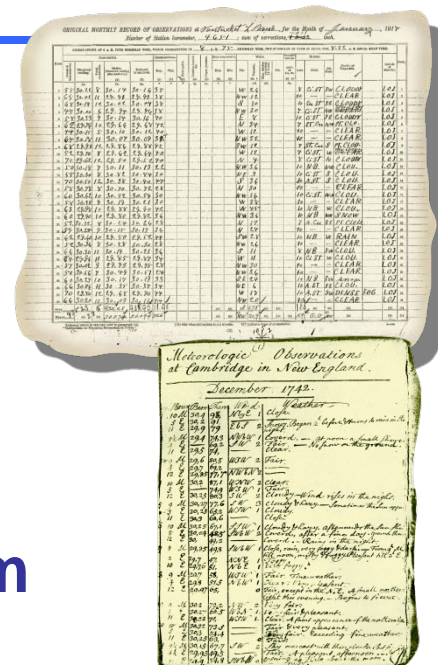
NCDC Non-Digital Data Archive



Manuscript / Autograph*

103 Million Pages stored in 120,000 boxes

- * Located at Asheville; additional paper records located at the Federal Records Center in Georgia that will be inventoried and prioritized for digitization



Percent digitized
(Keyed or imaged)

72%
(78 million)

35mm & 16mm Film

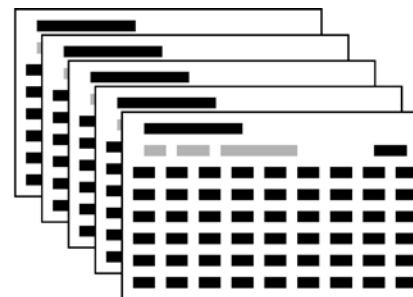
125,129 Rolls

Microfiche

860K fiche containing 51 million pages

1.7%
(2,105 reels)

10.0%
(86,000 fiche)





Climate Database Modernization Program



Climate Database Modernization Program (CDMP) Surface Airways Observations

SAO observations keyed through CDMP and added to NCDC's Integrated Surface Hourly (ISH) database:

405.6 Million New Observations Keyed and Archived by the end of 2010

Surface airways meteorological data are being used for: engineering design (ice loads for towers, cables wires, wind loads for buildings, heating/cooling requirements, drainage/runoff extremes) aircraft operations (runway design), ship routing and oil rig placement, global re-analyses for climate trends assessment, HAZMAT operations and studies (oil spills, toxic release), weather risk management industry, insurance investigations and verification, court cases and criminal investigations, aircraft accident investigations, wind energy studies, commercial innovation and design, and tourism support.



ORIGINAL MONTHLY RECORD OF OBSERVATIONS at Chicago, Ill. for the Month of SEP - 1911, 1911

Number of Station Indicator: 111 Date of correction: 11/11/11

Time	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Pressure	Humidity	Visibility	Remarks
1	59	11	100	30.0	75	10	Clear
2	58	11	100	30.0	75	10	Clear
3	57	11	100	30.0	75	10	Clear
4	56	11	100	30.0	75	10	Clear
5	55	11	100	30.0	75	10	Clear
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11	49	11	100	30.0	75	10	Clear
12	48	11	100	30.0	75	10	Clear
13	47	11	100	30.0	75	10	Clear
14	46	11	100	30.0	75	10	Clear
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AIRWAYS WEATHER REPORT

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Data Period 1928-1948
261 New Hourly
Stations Added

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Data Period 1891-1948
211 New Quasi Hourly
Stations Added

Data Period 1965-1981
292 Hourly Stations
Updated



The National Weather Service in Lander, WY (1906)



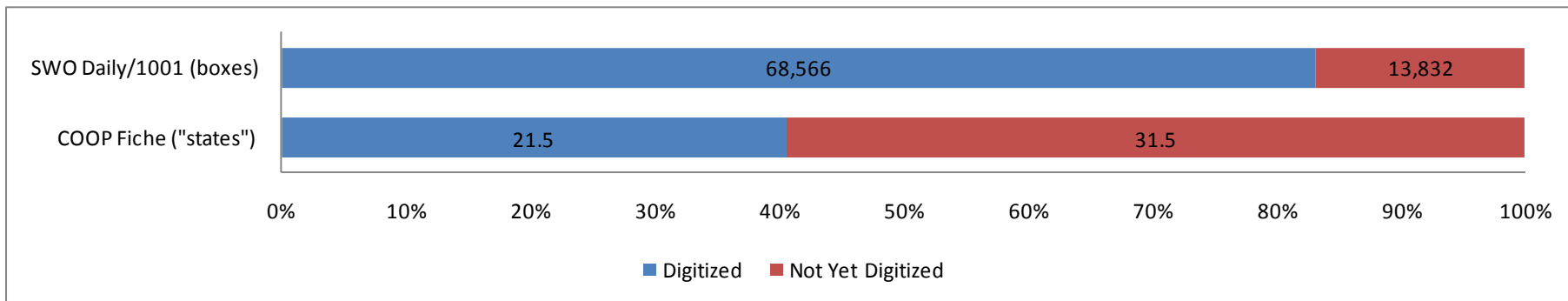
Weather instruments on the roof of the Wold-Chamberlin Field Administration Building around 1945 (Courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society Photograph Collection). Left photo: Ms. Lucille Sposton checking temperature and dew point sensors in the white shelter and the rain gauge at far right while planes are taking off. Right photo: Ms. Sposton calculating cloud heights by using the rooftop ceilometer. Before the ceilometer was installed in 1945, cloud heights had to be determined by launching weather balloons.



National Weather Service at Greenville-Spartanburg AP

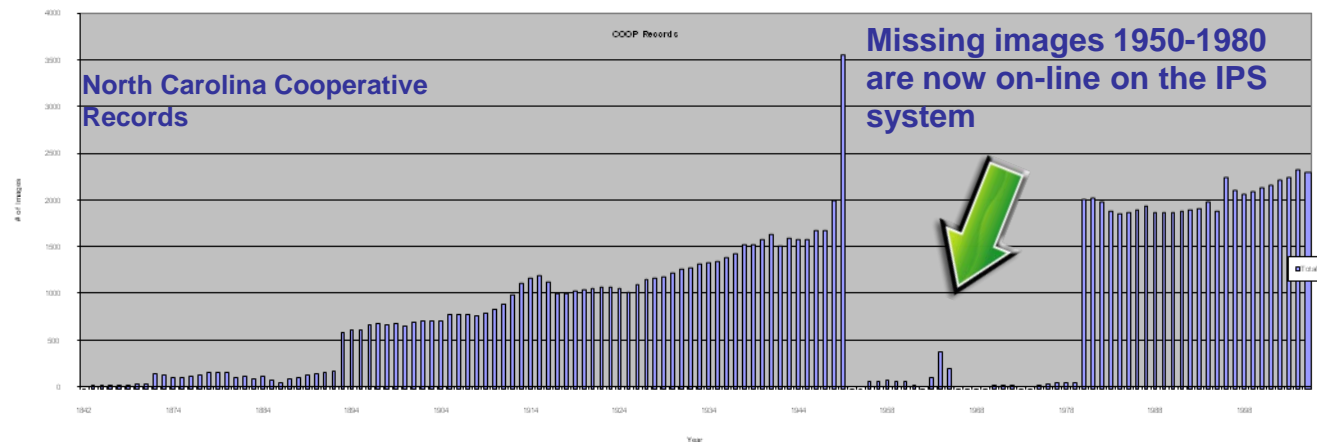


Climate Database Modernization Program



SWO estimated completion date: 2017

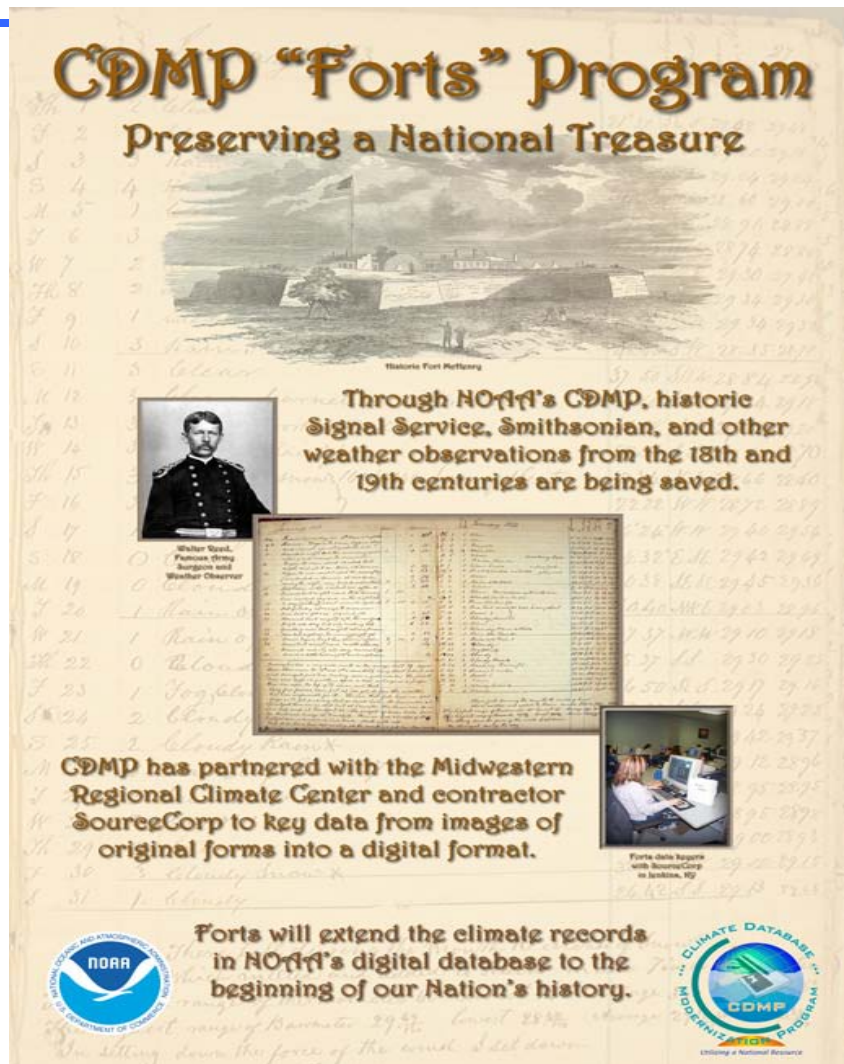
COOP Fiche estimated completion date: 2016



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The CDMP “Forts” project is extending daily data records from the beginning of the Weather Bureau era (circa 1892) as far back as the 1780’s. Close to 350 stations’ data have already been keyed. CDMP’s Forts team will prepare approximately 75 more stations for keying in the upcoming year.

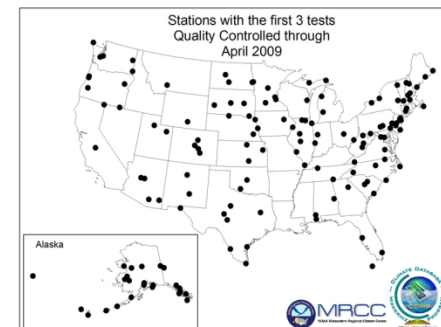


CDMP “Forts” Program
Preserving a National Treasure

Through NOAA’s CDMP, historic Signal Service, Smithsonian, and other weather observations from the 18th and 19th centuries are being saved.

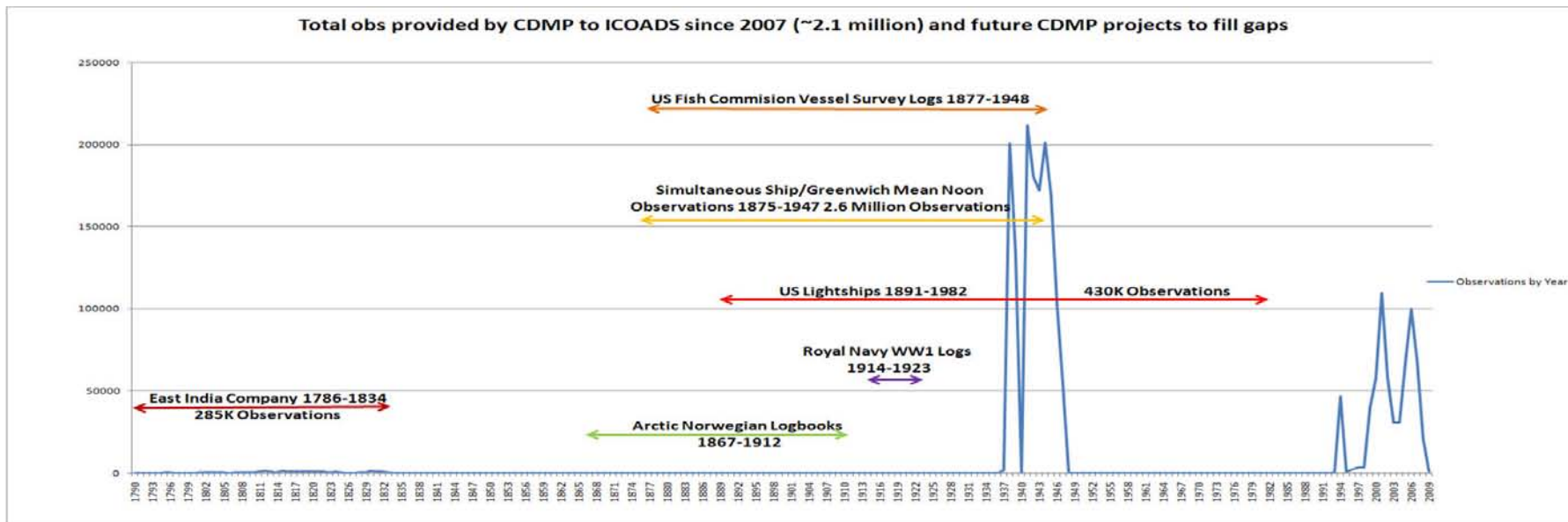
CDMP has partnered with the Midwestern Regional Climate Center and contractor SourceCorp to key data from images of original forms into a digital format.

Forts will extend the climate records in NOAA’s digital database to the beginning of our Nation’s history.

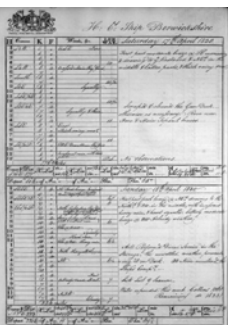


The keyed data for all the CDMP Forts stations are available online through the Midwestern Regional Climate Center (MRCC). In addition, close to 100 stations’ data have passed QC tests applied at MRCC. These data are available from NCDC via an FTP download.

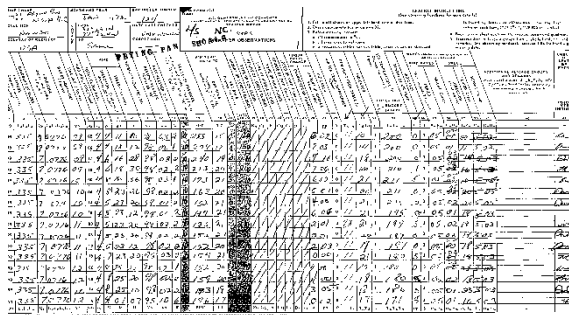
Climate Database Modernization Program (CDMP) Sailing Ahead with Historical Marine Observations



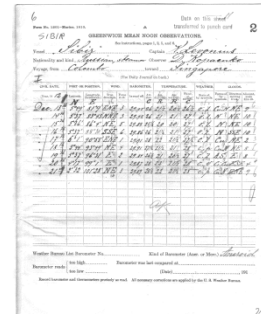
Current Rescue Projects:



The East Indiaman Warley (1795), as depicted by Robert Salmon. Courtesy of the National Maritime Museum, London.




R.M.S. Laconia (1912), courtesy of the Steamship Historical Society of America, Inc.



English East India Company Logbooks

- Period of Record: 1790-1834
- 285K Observations
- Digitization goal: 2009



Diamond Shoals Lightship LV 71, US Coast Guard

US Lightship Observations

- Period of Record: 1891-1982
- 430K Observations
- Digitization goal: 2009



Pollock Rip Lightship LV 114, US Coast Guard

Greenwich Mean Noon / Simultaneous Ship Observations

- Period of Record: 1874-1947
- 2.6 Million Observations
- Digitization goal: 2011

Climate Database Modernization Program



34 of 95 Observatories keyed (29 different formats)
 -35 coop stations yet to be keyed. Total keying of 13.1
 million daily observations (430,000 forms) should be
 completed by 2012
 - approximately 1/3 of the data has been keyed. Data will
 be used in international North American Drought monitoring
 activities with Canada and Mexico.

Daily data keyed for 30 stations
 covering 1890's -1920's. - total of
 6092 station months. Data will
 be incorporated into GHCN

Hourly data for 16 stations
 in the 1950-1954 period. Data will be incorporated into ISD



The best index we have for our “vast unknown” of foreign data:

Table 16

Detailed Listing of Unfilmed Foreign Data Publications Archived in ASB for Published Dates Prior to Mid-1975 and Costs for Producing Archival Quality Film from These Publications

<u>Main Geographic Area</u> <u>Covered by Publications</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Cost</u>	
				<u>BSHR & PC</u>	<u>TDC</u>
World	1841-1973	219,000	24.3	10,950	6,570
Tropic	1937-1970	14,400	1.6	720	432
Hemisphere	1743-1974	172,800	19.2	8,640	5,184
Oceans & Water Bodies	1648-1974	563,400	62.6	28,170	16,902
Europe Asia	1797-1973	159,600	17.7	7,980	4,788
British Isles	1845-1975	939,300	101.0	46,965	28,179
Germany	1750-1975	1,382,700	153.6	69,135	41,481
Philippines	1348-1975	924,900	102.8	46,245	27,747
Sunda Islands	1866-1974	117,600	13.1	5,880	3,528
General Australasia	1900-1969	7,200	0.8	360	216
New Zealand	1853-1975	400,200	44.5	20,010	12,006
Australia	1770-1974	351,000	39.0	17,550	10,530
New Guinea	1914-1964	5,700	0.6	285	171
Polynesia/Micronesia	1911-1975	223,500	24.8	11,175	6,705
Polar Regions	1873-1972	194,400	21.6	9,720	5,832
Unprocessed/Noncatalogued	Varies	750,000	83.3	37,500	22,500
TOTALS	1348-1975	25,216,000	2796.7	\$1,260,800	\$756,480

Appendix E - 10/75



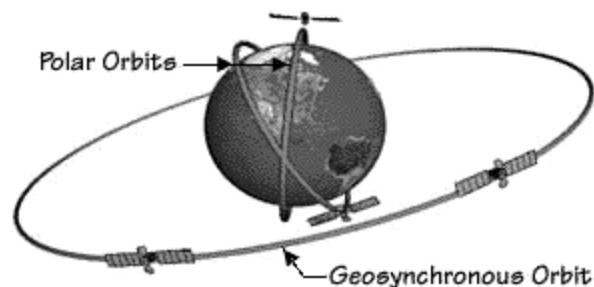
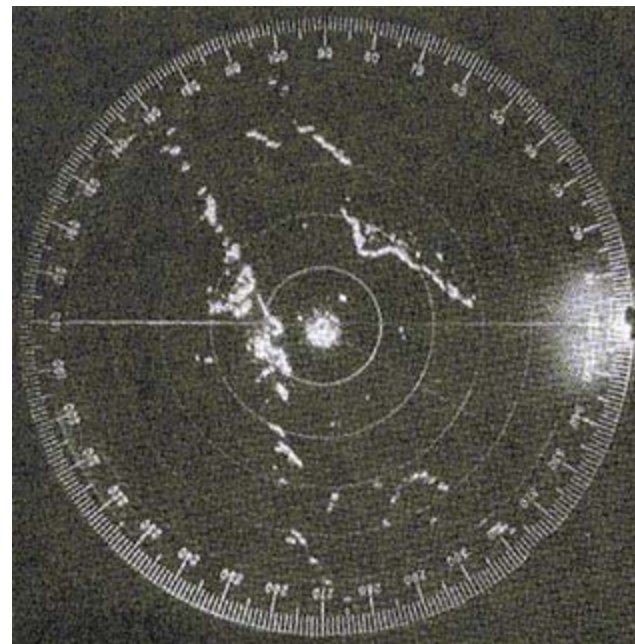
2071 number of boxes
of data in the FDL

CDMP multi-year project to
inventory data suitable for
keying in GHCN daily and
monthly, IGRA upper air and
ISD surface

Web interface inventory will be
developed after inventory
is complete

Short-term Priorities, next few years

Climate Service Publications
Radar Summary
(from 1956)-40,304 reels
24-hour Precipitation
Snow Cover
Surface/Upper Air
Hemispheric Constant Pressure
Thermographs
Barograms
Wind Gust Recorder Charts
Satellite Imagery-1300 boxes of
raw images 1964-1990



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4 NWS International Activities

Typical Camera and Imaging Setup for International Projects



A technical leader responsible for each step in the process at each international location is critical !

High tech digital cameras and camera stands are set up in a well lit environment- sponsored by NOAA/NWS

Technicians are trained to image the records using the camera equipment they check for quality, exposure and completeness

Digital jpeg images are stored in the camera's hard drive then transferred to the computer

Images on the computer are then written to CD-ROM or DVD and sent to NCDC for storage and keying

Keying format developed at NCDC based on data captured from host country

Data must be keyed in U.S. by CDMP contractors

End to end process can take 1-3 years depending on complexity and amount of data to be imaged/keyed



CDMP African Projects



Over 150,000 images of pibal (upper air wind) records from the 1940's to 2003 received to date from 7 African countries (Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, Tanzania and Zambia)

Most data has been keyed and after passing quality control checks will be entered into NOAA's global upper air database (IGRA)

Digital data files were provided to the host countries that imaged the data. Keyed data files also hyperlinked to the actual images providing an easy access to the original record

A small amount of pibal data remains to be keyed for Zambia and Mozambique- finished by mid 2009

Ongoing tasks with Tanzania and Mozambique – may expand to surface data in 2009

Martin Munkhondya in Malawi is the technical leader responsible for training and follow through visits at these international locations

NWS and IEDRO (non profit) provides some technical, administrative and logistical support

Possible Namibia and ACMAD Microfiche Recovery Project



Kenya – 5 sites



Senegal – 3 sites



Malawi – 7 sites



Mozambique – 2 sites



Tanzania – 2 sites



Zambia – 2 sites



Niger – 2 sites

Making Data User Friendly and Accessible

The index on the CD-ROM will be the main point for searching for related data.

The index page provides links to all available data types (both images of recorded data and actual keyed data) associated with the CD-ROM



Station Number	Date	Time	Table	Dir/Spd	Raw Data	Image
67423	11/07/1970	0400	Table	Dir/Spd	Raw Data	Image
67423	12/21/1979	0400	Table	Dir/Spd	Raw Data	Image
67423	12/22/1979	0400	Table	Dir/Spd	Raw Data	Image
67423	12/24/1979	0400	Table	Dir/Spd	Raw Data	Image
67423	12/27/1979	0400	Table	Dir/Spd	Raw Data	Image
67423	12/29/1979	0400	Table	Dir/Spd	Raw Data	Image
67423	12/30/1979	0400	Table	Dir/Spd	Raw Data	Image

- Station:67423 Day/Mo/Year Time:07/11/1970 04Z
 - Keyed Image ID: CDMP06MA\MA0001\0009.jpg
 - Source Image ID: .\MA0001\1\P6160006.jpg
- | TIME
MINS | HGHT
FEET | COMPUTED | | OBSERVED | | DIR
DEG | SPD
KTS | DIR
DEG | SPD
KTS |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | Azimuth
DEG | Elev
DEG | DIR
DEG | SPD
KTS | | | | |
| > 0 | 0 | | | | | | 130.0 | 5.0 | |
| 1 | 500 | 327.2 | 21.2 | 147 | 13 | | 0 | 0 | |
| 2 | 1000 | 337.9 | 22.4 | 170 | 12 | | 0 | 0 | |
| 3 | 1500 | 239.7 | 24.9 | 165 | 8 | | 0 | 0 | |
| 4 | 2000 | 342.7 | 26.1 | 174 | 9 | | 0 | 0 | |
| 5 | 2500 | 337.4 | 25.5 | 140 | 12 | | 0 | 0 | |
- Note: > Marks the Beginning of each Record in the Launch



The highlighted .jpg has a link connecting it to the original image from which the data was keyed



Station	10000000	Ascant No.	5	Date	7-11-70							
Balloon Wt.	3.0	gms.	Lantern Wt.	gms.	Free Lift	7.5						
Visibility	20 Miles	Clouds	5/5	Wind	130/10	gms.						
Time of Start	0000 GMT	Rate of Ascent	1.000 ft./min. 1.8: 500 ft./min.	Westerly	0							
	041			How Lost	CLD 000	0000000						
					744							
Time	OBSERVED		TAN		DEPARTURE		VELOCITY, Knts		RESULTANT		CODE	
min.	Bearing	Elevation	A	B	East	North	W-E	S-N	Direction	Velocity	Part A	Part B
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2	337.9	22.4	10/ 30		170	12	170.0	12.0	170.0	12.0		
3	339.7	24.9	15/ 30		165	8	165.0	8.0	165.0	8.0		
4	342.7	26.1	20/ 40		174	9	174.0	9.0	174.0	9.0		
5	337.4	25.5	25/ 50		140	12	140.0	12.0	140.0	12.0		
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9	337.4	25.5	45/ 90		140	12	140.0	12.0	140.0	12.0		
10	337.4	25.5	50/ 100		140	12	140.0	12.0	140.0	12.0		
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International Activities

- WWII Royal Navy Ship logs from 1938-1947 were microfilmed and scanned at the British National Archives. The records have been keyed by CDMP and will be QA/QC'd then merged into the International Comprehensive Ocean Atmosphere Data Set (ICOADS).
- Expanded to East India Company Logbooks in 2008- Joint UK Met Office Project





Major NOAA Projects Sponsored by CDMP

National Climatic Data Center

Hourly Surface Observations: imaging and keying
Daily Cooperative Observations: imaging and keying
Upper-Air Observations: imaging and keying
Signal Service/Smithsonian Obs ("Forts"): keying
Hourly Precipitation Data: imaging and keying
Integrated inventory system development
Marine observations: keying
Mexican Daily/Hourly Data: imaging and keying
Vietnamese Daily/Hourly Data: keying
Monthly Weather Review: searchable indexing
Snotel Data: keying
East India Company Data: keying
Station History & Metadata development
Subscription Services

National Geophysical Data Center

Defense Meteorological Satellite Program film: imaging
Glacier Photos: imaging
Marine Geophysical Records: imaging and keying
Ionospheric Observations – keying
Historical Solar and Spectral Observations: imaging
Tsunami Event Gauge Records: imaging and keying
Historic International Polar Year: imaging
Marine/Lacustrine Record of Climate Change:
Heat Mapping Mission Data:
Historic Cosmic Ray Ionization Chamber Data
Historical International Polar Year: imaging

National Oceanographic Data Center

NOAA Library Rare Climate Publications: imaging
Lightship data: Sweden & Finland
NOAA 200th Anniversary Film Transfer: imaging
California Marine Ecosystems Survey: imaging

National Marine Fisheries Service

Lightship Observations: imaging and keying
Data Recovery on Cetaceans: imaging and keying
Fish egg & larvae: keying: REEF: optical scanning
Magnetic Tape recovery ;Historical plankton: keying
Historical Fish Landing Data: keying
Historic Bering Sea Crab Data: imaging and keying
Oral History Interviews: transcription and digitizing
Turtle Exclusion Data: imaging and keying

National Ocean Service

Shoreline Charts: vectorizing
Nautical Charts: imaging
Thunder Bay Historical Collections: imaging and keying
California Marine Ecosystem Survey: imaging and keying
Historical Maps and Nautical Charts: geolocation
Historic Environmental Sensitivity Maps: imaging
Fish Commission Historical Papers/Logbooks: imaging, keying
High/Low Water Level at NOS Sites: imaging, indexing, keying
Special Reports for Geographic Names: imaging
Historical Aerial Photography: imaging

National Weather Service

African Upper-Air Observations (Seven Nations): keying
Surface data from Tanzania, Mozambique: imaging and keying
Atlantic/Pacific tropical cyclone "storm wallets": imaging

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

U.S. Navy Weather Station Index Books – keying
Hurricane Reconnaissance: imaging & streaming video
European historical ship logbooks: imaging and keying
U.S. Regional Climate Centers
Database Conversion and Quality Control

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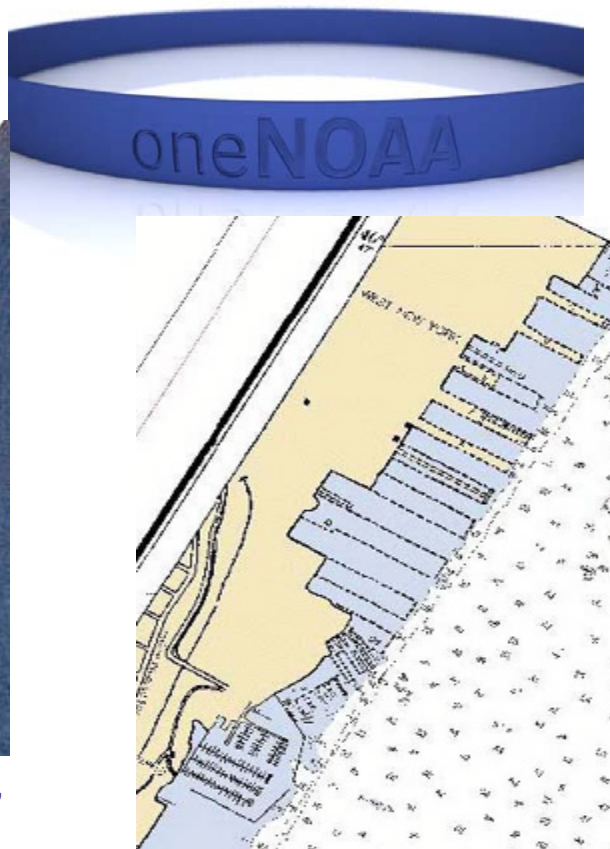
Highlights/Past Successes

2009 Major NOAA CDMP Data Recovery Tasks

18 NOS tasks



High-altitude aerial photography,
Hudson River, NY.



Highlighted tasks: Image nautical charts & historical coast pilots, vectorize and geo-reference shoreline charts, and image and key water level gauge records and environmental sensitivity maps, water and tide level data, fishery management and catch tracking tasks

Same area on a NOAA nautical chart. Comparing these sources, created at different times, provides information on the rate of change in the coastal zone, which aids in the design of coastal zone mapping projects.

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Highlights/Past Successes

2009 Major NOAA CDMP Data Recovery Tasks

5 NODC Tasks



- Rescue 3 collections of ecosystem surveys along California coast
 - Beach Watch Program
 - Common Murre Restoration Project
 - California Kelp Resources Project
- Scan ~110K survey slides and log sheets

Highlighted tasks: include California marine ecosystem surveys, NODC metadata, NOAA library and film transfer projects and plankton database research and rescue projects.

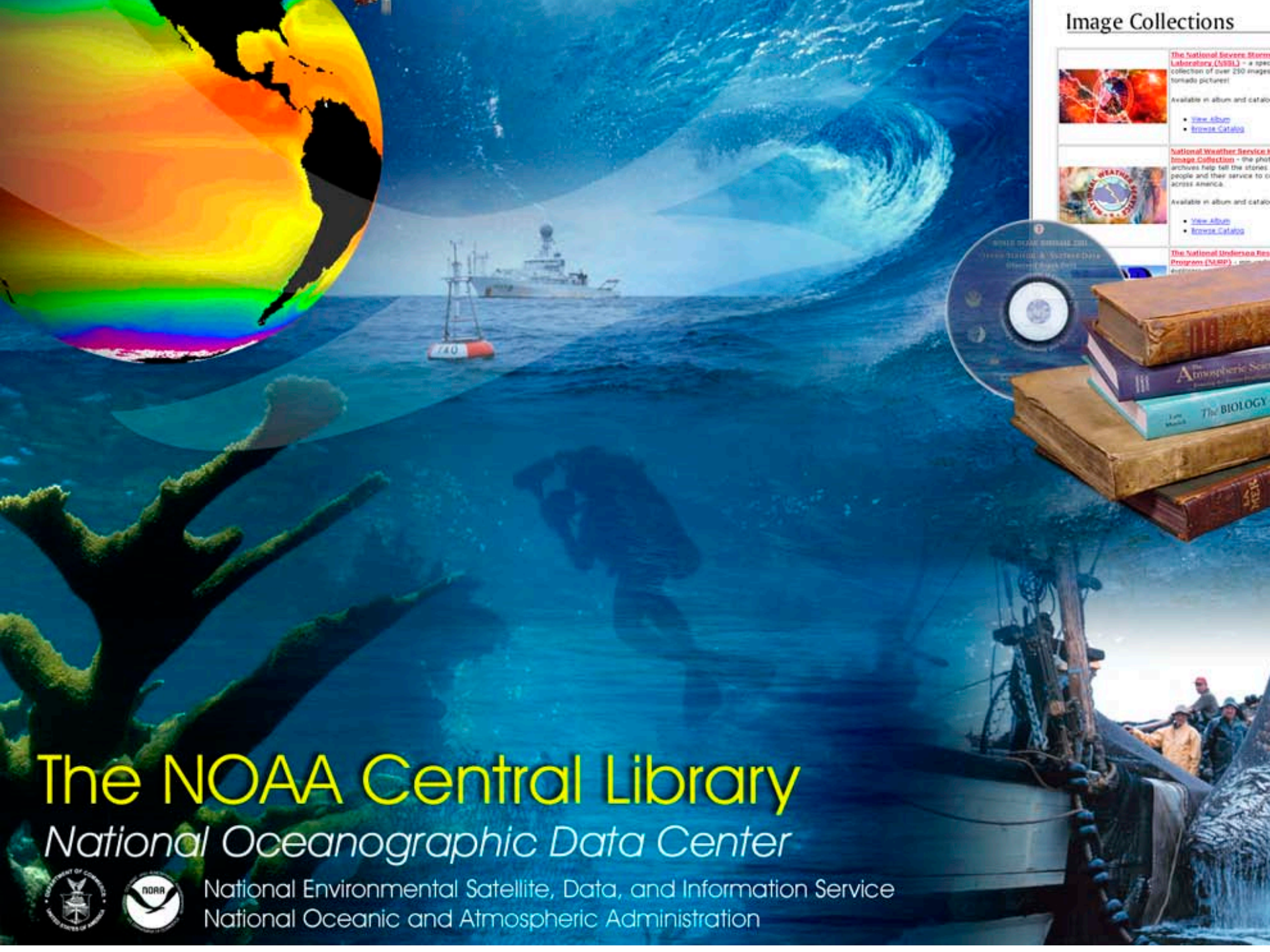


Image Collections



The National Severe Storm
Laboratory (NSSL) - a special
collection of over 250 images
of tornado pictures!

Available in album and catalog

- [View Album](#)
- [Browse Catalog](#)



National Weather Service
Image Collection - the photo
archives help tell the story of
people and their service to the
nation across America.

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The National Undersea Research
Program (NURP) - an ongoing
effort to explore the deep sea.



The NOAA Central Library

National Oceanographic Data Center



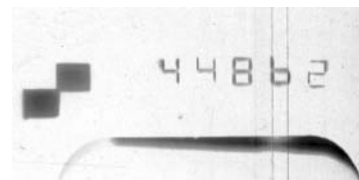
National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

DMSP Sample Film Scan

Label with file name attached by HOV

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Glass Plate Scanning Project

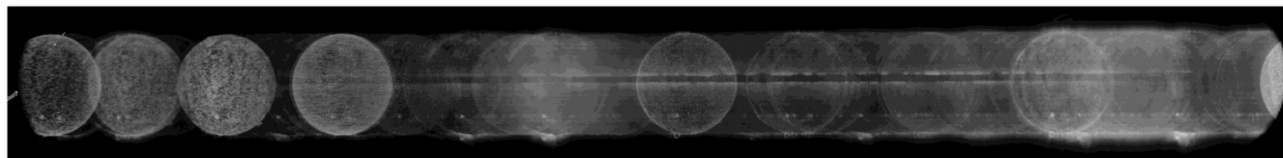
Historical Solar Observations (L-16)

Scanning of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Glass Plate Negatives from the Skylab Mission

Resulting scans, (scanned at
3000 dpi grayscale)
Solar UV Spectra 8 per plate

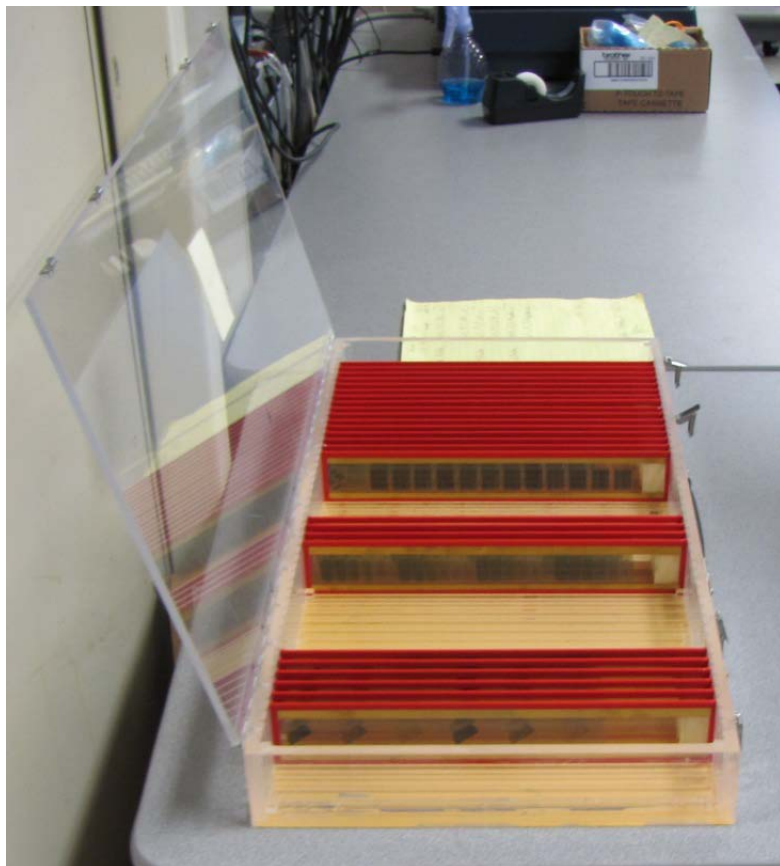


Full disk Solar UV images



The glass plate negatives as they aged were a dataset at risk. The images stored on glass plate negatives at the Naval Research Archives were not readily accessible to the public. The NRL working in partnership with NGDC and the NCDC Climate Database Modernization Program team have successfully modernized and provided wider access to this valuable dataset.

Glass Plate Scanning Project



The glass plate negatives are stored in customized cases at the NRL. NRL shipped the glass plate negatives to HOVS, in Beltsville MD, for digitization.

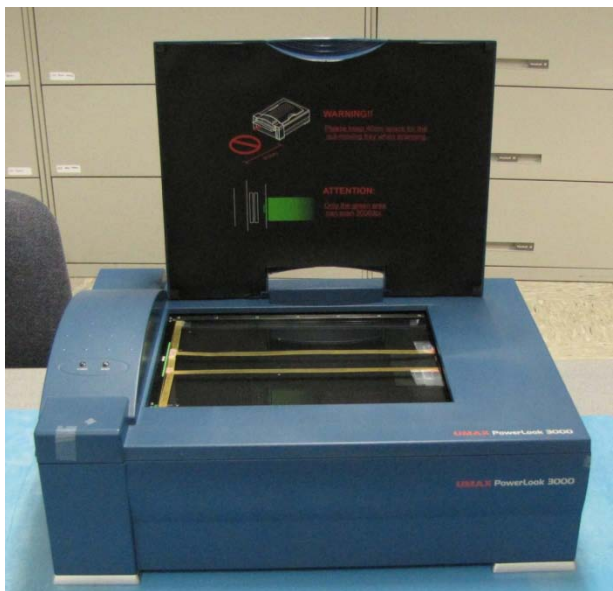


The scanning operator selects the glass plate negative for scanning. Prior to scanning, dust is removed with a blower brush and a lint free cloth.



Glass Plate Scanning Project

The scanner, borrowed from the NRL has been modified for the scanning of glass plates negatives with two parallel gold bars across the scanning platen.



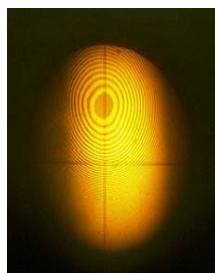
The glass plate negative is placed on the parallel gold bars. The bars raise the negative off the platen, reducing the chance of adding moiré patterns or Newton's rings as artifacts to the scanned image.



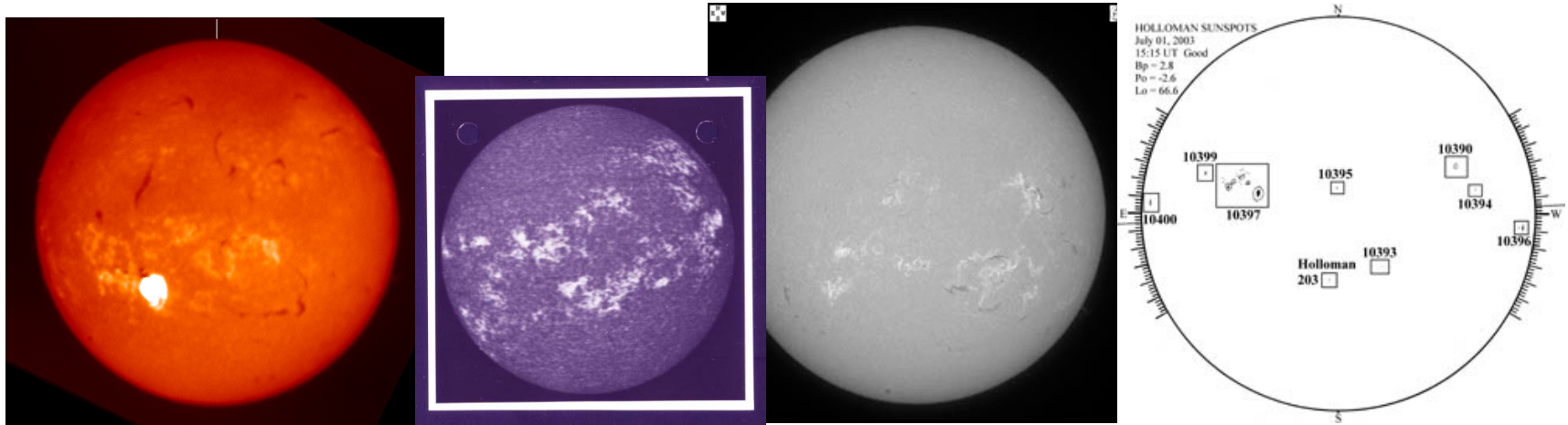
Moiré pattern effect



Newton's rings effect



Solar CDMP Proposed FY07 Work



Focus on completing high resolution research quality scans

Complete scanning of 67 years of daily solar H-alpha images on film – 24,000 images

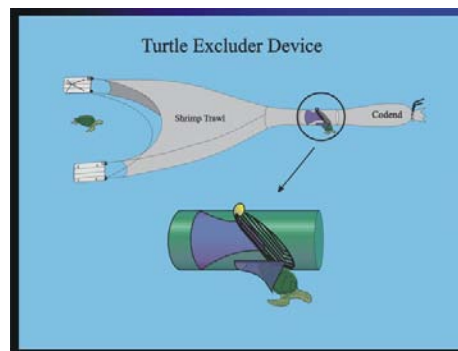
NEW -- Scan 35 mm slides of historical NOAA Space Weather activities – about 300 NGDC slides from Helen Coffey for NOAA History website, to complement the SEC files.

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Highlights/Past Successes

2009 Major NOAA CDMP Data Recovery Tasks

11 NMFS Tasks



Bycatch Reduction Engineering Program to "provide information and outreach...that will encourage adoption and use of technologies

Imaging and keying data on cetaceans , fish eggs/population, coral reefs, Bering sea crab data, lightship records and Turtle Exclusion data



Selected NOAA Projects

Climate Database Modernization Program



Supports NOAA's Ecosystem and Climate goals

Digitize 7,200 negatives of killer, minke whales and other mammals

Scan 15,000 pages of notes

Keypunch 3,000,000 characters

May expand into capturing 750 hours of audio tapes collected over 30 years.

Supports research into the decline of the southern killer whale population-classified as depleted under the MMPA and could become listed under the ESA



Example of a messy page- Hawaiian Humpback Whale Sighting and Movement Data

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	1732:20	(QQQ) → N	90 55 08 251 40 45
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COPEPOD: a global plankton database of zooplankton and phytoplankton data sampled from around the world.



COPEPOD

... the global plankton database ...

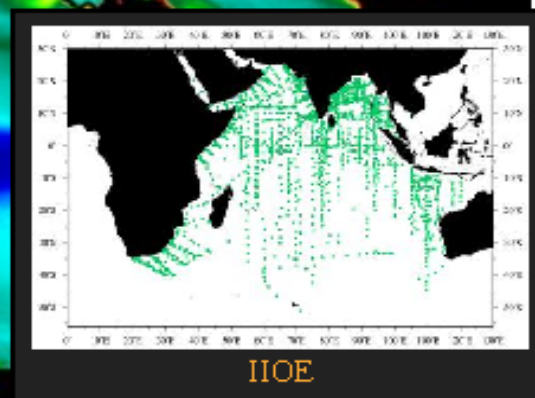
INTRODUCTION

ONLINE DATABASE

DATA SEARCH & RESCUE

"COPEPOD-2005"
a global plankton atlas

COLLABORATION



COASTAL & OCEANIC PLANKTON ECOLOGY, PRODUCTION & OBSERVATION DATABASE

National Marine Fisheries Service - Science & Technology - Marine Ecosystems Division



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Electronic Hurricane Wallet Project



The screenshot shows the National Weather Service National Hurricane Center website. The header includes the NOAA logo, the text "National Weather Service National Hurricane Center", and a "weather.gov" link. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for Home, News, Organization, and a Search box. The main content area is titled "NHC Archive of Hurricane Seasons". On the left side, there is a sidebar with links for "Local forecast by City, St or ZIP", "Alternate versions", "Get Storm Info", "Satellite | Radar", "Aircraft Recon", "Advisory Archive", "Experimental", "Mobile Products", "E-mail Advisories", "AudioPodcasts", "GIS Data | RSS", and "Help with Advisories". The main content area features a "Table of Contents:" with a grid of links:

Table of Contents:		
Tropical Cyclone Reports	NHC Advisory Archive	NHC Plain-text Archive
Storm Wallet Scanning Project	Monthly Summaries	Annual Summaries (Atlantic)
Seasonal Outlooks	Seasonal Climatology	NHC Forecast Verification
Most Extreme Atlantic Storms	Infamous Atlantic Storms	Best Track (HURDAT) Data Files
Past Tracks (All)	Past Tracks (U.S. Landfalls)	Past Tracks & Data (GIS)
Aircraft Reconnaissance Archive	Central Pacific Hurricane History	

Tropical Cyclone 'Storm Wallet' Electronic Archive

After the dissipation of every tropical cyclone occurring in the Atlantic and eastern north Pacific basins, all of the data and relevant materials related to that cyclone are collected by the NHC staff. The materials are placed in a "storm wallet" which currently takes the form of an expandable binder, or series of binders. These storm wallets have proven to be extremely useful in the post-analysis of many tropical cyclones, both near-term and in some cases, decades later.

The procedure for storing this data dates back to well before the routine use of computers in the office environment. In the Atlantic, the wallet series begins in 1958 and proceeds continuously through the present. In the eastern north Pacific, wallets begin in 1988, the year in which operational responsibility for that basin was assumed by NHC.

NHC Central Pacific is developing the same "Storm Wallet" archive



Electronic Hurricane Wallet Project

Hurricane Camille 1969



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WEATHER BUREAU

Memorandum

TO : Director, Southern Region

DATE: October 9, 1969

In reply refer to:

FROM : MIC, WBO, Galveston, Texas

SUBJECT: Reported 70 foot Seas with Hurricane Camille

At a recent oceanography meeting, Dr. James Sharp, secretary of Gulf Universities Research Corporation informed me that he had received a report of 70 foot seas in Camille. This information reached him from an offshore drilling employee, working with Gulf Measuring Project which is composed of several oil companies.

The exact location is not available but was near the track of Camille in 100 plus feet of water. He feels more information will be forthcoming and if additional details become available I will pass along.

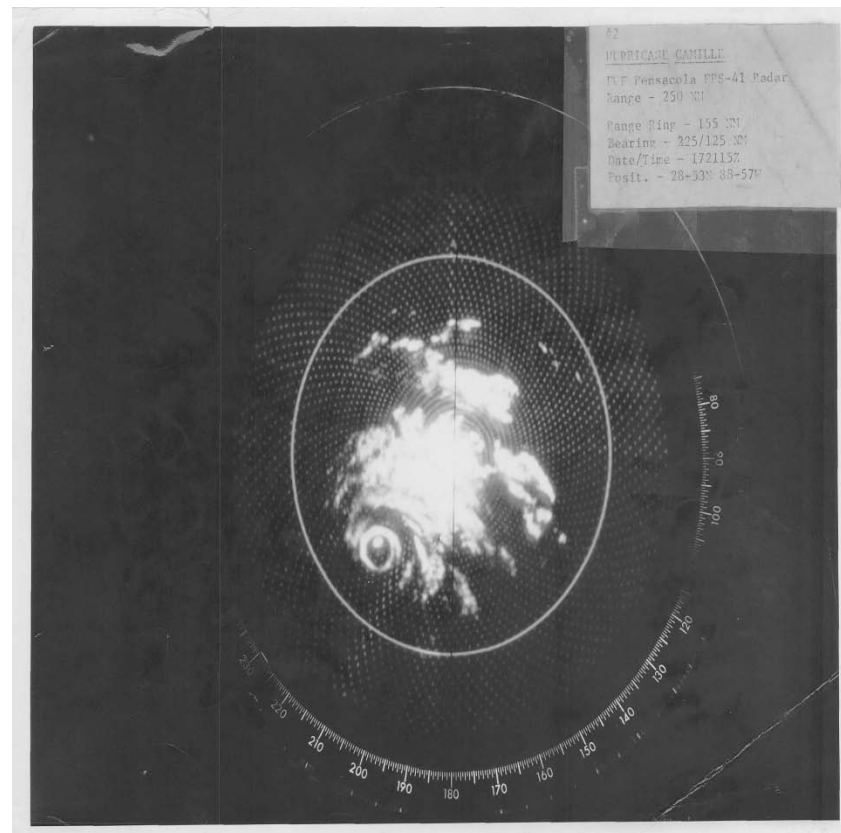
He reported the wave heights ranged from a minus 32 feet to a plus 30 feet. They lost their wind equipment when the wind reached 100 knots.

Again, I should emphasize this report has not been officially released but thought I would pass along for your information.

Davis Benton
Davis Benton

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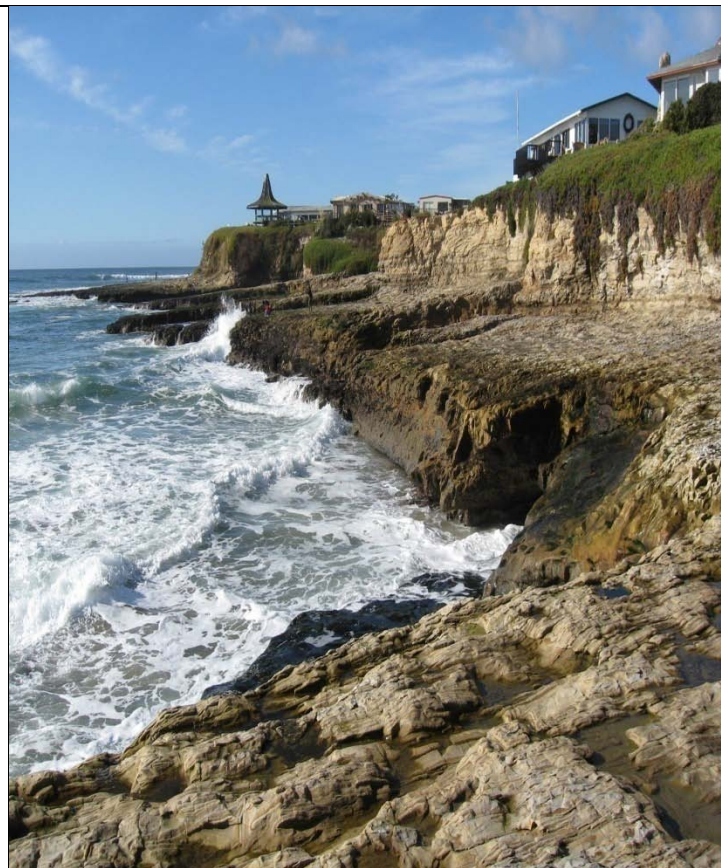
CDMP Proposal Process – NOAA Working Together on Data Rescue and Recovery

Proposals judged against the following criteria:

1. *Supports NOAA's Strategic Goals*
2. *Contribution to improved data access & rescue*
3. *Value to climate community*
- 4 *General merit to overall program*
5. *Cost effectiveness*
6. *Ease of digitization by the contractors*

Call for Papers- Issued Each July
Data Access Workshop – Held in November

**59 Proposals were submitted and funded during FY
2009 –total of 86 NOAA projects – New Record !**





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CDMP History 2000-2009

